

LCIS – State Capitol

Bud Lane and I recently attended a hearing and testified on legislation that would have benefitted the Siletz Tribe and saved the Warriors symbol for Siletz Valley Schools. The legislation was introduced in an effort to save the symbol.

The Senate bill was allowed to die in anticipation of the Oregon Board of Education adopting rules that allow for Tribes to enter into agreements with school districts to keep mascots/images. This rule was adopted by the Board of Education.

I also testified on a Senate bill that allows for the representatives appointed to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) to be treated differently than other appointed representatives to committees. The bill clarifies that commission members are not "public officers" outside of meetings of the LCIS.

The Senate passed the bill unanimously. The House is next to act on it; it's expected to pass.

Clinic accreditation

Congratulations to our clinic staff as they successfully achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

Meetings in D.C.

A Tribal Council delegation traveled to Washington, D.C., and met with congressional representatives on the Tribe's legislation.

We have been told that our legislation defining our 1855 reservation border/boundary is likely to be acted upon in March. It was good news.

BIA meeting

Tribal Council members and staff met with the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Stan Speaks, and his staff to discuss services that the BIA provides to the Western Oregon Tribes.

The Siletz Agency that originally was established to provide services to our Tribe was shut down in December. The staff was minimal but provided great services to our Tribe. The downsizing was due to most of the Tribes becoming self-governing.

The staff in attendance discussed how BIA services would be carried out and allowed for both staffs to discuss any issues that needed to be resolved. It was a productive meeting.

Elections

Tribal elections are over, the three incumbents were re-elected. The Tribal Council elected officers at a special council meeting following the elections. I am happy to report that I was elected chairman; Bud Lane, vice-chairman; Sharon Edenfield, secretary; and Robert Kentta, treasurer.



Delores Pigsley

Free child ID kits from Oregon State Police

503-934-0188, 800-282-7155 or child.idkits@state.or.us

Elders Council Meeting

March 12 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.



Hazel Sticks (k'vn)

Tribal members interested in gathering hazel sticks for making Siletz baskets should send their contact info to budl@ctsi.nsn.us or call 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320.

Hazel bark will begin slipping sometime in April or May. Because of the changing weather, we will notify people who send their contact info in when the time is right to pick and peel hazel.

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Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz
Tribal Community Center
March 7 – 6-8 p.m.
April 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
March 14 – 6-8 p.m.
April 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
March 8 – 6-8 p.m.
April 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
March 15 – 6-8 p.m.
April 12 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.